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A vSphere Distributed Switch acts as a single virtual switch across all associated hosts. This allows virtual machines to maintain consistent network configuration as they migrate across hosts.

Like a virtual switch, a distributed virtual switch is a network hub for virtual machines. A vSphere Distributed Switch can route traffic internally between virtual machines or link to an external network.

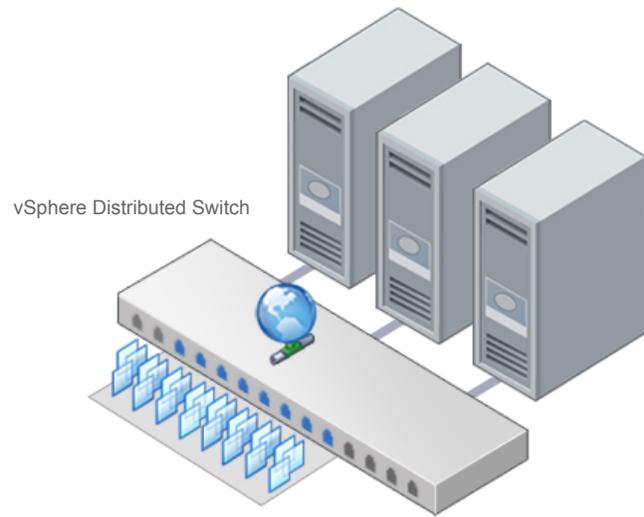
A vSphere Distributed Switch can have multiple distributed port groups assigned to it.

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